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In re the Application of:)
Clifford Teoh et al.) Group Art Unit: 3734
Serial No.: 10/631,928) Examiner: Nguyen, Vi X.
Filed: July 31, 2003) Confirmation No.: 9672
For: EXPANDABLE BODY CAVITY)
LINER DEVICE)

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